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From: Cille Litchfield, DFA Deputy Executive Director

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Re: www.Transparency.Mississippi.gov

Section 18 of SB3166 (2010 Regular Legislative Session), mandates, among other things, deployment of a unique and easily remembered website for access to public information. This same section of SB3166 requires that state agencies prominently link to this site from the agency's internet home page. These requirements are associated with the Mississippi Accountability and Transparency Act (MATA) and are the first of several significant changes that will be made to public information access.

The new public information site name is "Transparency Mississippi" and the URL is www.Transparency.Mississippi.gov. DFA plans to deploy the Transparency Mississippi URL on Friday, June 18, 2010. State agencies are requested to comply with the requirement to link to this site from their agency home page not later than August 1, 2010.

In addition to the new URL for access to public information, DFA is planning significant modifications to the Public Access area of the Mississippi Executive Resource Library and Information Network (MERLIN).

Over the next few months the Transparency Mississippi site will be revamped to provide a new look and additional functionality. The current MERLIN.net site will remain available for use by State Agencies who have authorized access. No changes are currently planned to the secured MERLIN.net functions.

Please contact the MMRS Call Center at 601-359-1343 or mash@dfa.state.ms.us if you have any questions about these changes and requirements.